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SUBJ: NKOMO VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN

REF: CAIRO 11050

1. N'DLOVU TOLD POLCOUNS AUGUST 18 THAT NKOMO ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP TO IRAN NOW COMPLETE. HE AND N'DLOVU WILL DEPART CAIRO ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 ON IRAN AIR FLIGHT NO. 772 AT 1830 LOCAL AND ARRIVE IN TEHRAN AT 2330. HE DID NOT SAY HOW LONG NKOMO PLANS TO STAY IN TEHRAN BUT AGAIN MENTIONED HIS FRUSTRATION OVER BEING AWAY FROM RHODESIA. NKOMO PARTICULARLY REGRETS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE.

2. NKOMO REQUESTS AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALID FOR OCTOBER 10. IF THIS DATE IS SUITABLE NKOMO AND HE WOULD PLAN TO PASS THROUGH CAIRO FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER AND OBTAIN SAUDI VISAS HERE. IN ORDER TO AVOID REPEAT OF IRANIAN VISA PROBLEM, HE ASKED THAT SAUDIS INFORM THEIR EMBASSY IN CAIRO TO BE PREPARED TO ISSUE VISAS AT THAT TIME.

3. SINCE U.S. IS ONLY CHANNEL BEING UTILIZED TO ARRANGE AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALID, N'DLOVU SAID ANY MESSAGES FROM JIDDA BETWEEN AUGUST 20 AND EARLY OCTOBER SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED FOR NKOMO THROUGH EMBASSY LUSAKA.

4. REQUEST THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED TEHRAN AND JIDDA.

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